

# MONO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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**Monday, June 26, 2006, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Town / County Conference Room**  
**Mammoth Lakes, California**

## ATTENDANCE

### Commissioners Present

Vikki Magee-Bauer, Supervisor  
John Eastman, Town Councilman  
Hap Hazard, Vice Chair  
Byng Hunt, Supervisor  
Neil Mc Carroll, Town Councilman

### Caltrans

Brad Mettam  
Rick Franz  
Brian Wesling  
Mark Reistetter  
Brian Mc Elwain

### Staff Present

Scott Burns, Director  
Gerry LeFrancois, Mono County Planner  
Gwen Plummer, Mono County Planner  
Larry Johnston, Mono County Planner  
Lynetta Fuerst, Secretary  
Tom Farnetti, Mono County Supervisor  
Bill Manning, Transportation Director  
Scott Campbell, Assistant Airport Manager

### Others

Jill Ellis, Inyo Mono Transit  
Chris Lizza, Mono Basin RPAC

*Agenda items may not have been taken in order.*

**The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Hazard at 9:12 a.m.**

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Plummer introduced Scott Campbell, who is the new Assistant Airport Manager and will be working in transportation for the Town of Mammoth Lakes,

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Commissioner Eastman moved to nominate Commissioner Harvey for Chair. Nomination was seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Passed 4/0. Those in favor were: Bauer, Eastman, Hazard, and Hunt.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 8, 2006**

Commissioner Bauer moved to approve the minutes of May 9, 2006. Seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Passed 3/0. Commissioner Hazard abstained. Those in favor: Bauer, Hunt and Eastman.

**4. TRANSIT**

a. Inyo Mono Transit

1. Review of FY 2006-2007 Estimated Budget

Mr. Burns explained this is an estimated budget and action will be taken under administration.

2. Consider / authorize letter of support for the Rural Transportation Accounting System Specifications and match of \$25,000 in FY 2006-2007

Ms. Plummer explained Inyo Mono Transit has the \$ 25,000 match in reserve and asking for the support letter only for the Intelligent Transportation Solutions (ITS). This grant is for a trip planning tool. Commissioner Hunt moved to approve a letter of support. Seconded by Commissioner Eastman. Passed 4/0. Those in favor: Bauer, Eastman, Hazard, and Hunt.

b. Review June Lake / Lee Vining Pilot Transit route

Ms. Ellis explained they were still working on all the costs, depending on how many times a day and how many days a week. A breakdown with different schedules and number of days would be presented at the next meeting. Getting two buses was Inyo Mono Transit's biggest concern. Ms. Plummer reminded the Commission that we have a STIP bus coming soon, and could be used in the winter time to get us started.

c. Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) update

Commissioner Bauer explained the complications with Hwy 140 being closed due to the slide. The main objective of YARTS is to help the park get the employees to the park since many live on the other side of the slide. Caltrans is looking at a temporary bridge within 60 to 90 days, but the buses would probably not be able to use it. At the state level there is talk of emergency funding. Park attendance is down 30% since June, which is affecting the internal budget of the park. Ms. Plummer reminded the Commission YARTS monthly meeting will be July 24, 2006 here in Mammoth Lakes.

**5. ADMINISTRATION**

a. Consider adopting Resolution 2006-07 approving the expenditure of Local Transportation Funds for purchase of a bus for the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Mr. Manning advised the Commission \$ 30,000 was requested from the Town's LTF for the purchase of a transit bus for the Town of Mammoth Lakes. The Resolution was corrected to read \$ 30,000 not \$ 60,000. Commissioner Hunt moved to approve Resolution 2006-07. Seconded by Commissioner Mc Carroll. Passed 5/0. Those in favor: Bauer, Hazard, Hunt, Eastman and Mc Carroll.

b. Consider / adopt Resolution 2006-09 apportioning Local Transportation Funds for FY 2006-2007.

Mr. Burns explained this is the annual apportioning and allocating resolution. There is an increase of \$ 5000 for YARTS and no planning funds are being apportioned. This is a status quo budget and staff will be returning to the Commission with more exact numbers. Commissioner Hunt moved to adopt Resolution 2006-09, with the condition more refined costs for the Lee Vining/ June Lake project would be included. Commissioner Eastman seconded the motion. Passed 5/0. Those in favor: Bauer, Eastman, Hazard, Hunt and Mc Carroll.

c. Consider / adopt Resolution 2006-10 allocating Local Transportation Funds for FY 2006-2007.

Commissioner Bauer motioned to adopt Resolution 2006-10 allocating Local Transportation Funds for FY 2006-07. Seconded by Commissioner Mc Carroll. Passed 5/0. Those in favor: Bauer, Eastman, Hazard, Hunt and Mc Carroll.

**6. OVERALL WORK PROGRAM**

a. Consider adopting Minute Order 2006-08 approving the Overall Work Program (OWP)  
The Overall Work Program sets our work program for the year. There are two funding sources Regional Planning Assistance funds (RPA) and Planning, Program and Monitoring (PPM) funds. This year (FY 2006-07) Mono County has received a one time increase to \$ 216,000 (state budget approved) for our RPA funds. Mr. Le Francois explained the seven work elements to the Commission. Commissioner Eastman moved to adopt the Minute Order 2006-08 approving the OWP for FY 2006-07. Seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Passed 5/0. Those in favor: Bauer, Eastman, Hazard, Hunt and Mc Carroll.

**7. CALTRANS**

a. Update on activities in Mono County

Mr. Mettam introduced the Caltrans staff in attendance. He noted the Governor has signed a bill which will bring a bond package to the voters in November for infrastructure. Stronger language for Prop 42 money. The state can only borrow Prop 42 funds twice during a ten year period and must pay it back within two years. Mr. Mettam plans to have a '511' system update at the next meeting. Commissioner Hazard commented on the 'great pavement' from Lee Vining to June Lake. The Crowley Lake information system is up and working, 1640 AM.

b. Presentation and discussion on guardrail project at Mono Lake

Caltrans gave a power point presentation on the Mono Lake guardrail reconstruction project. The guardrail will be replaced from the Marina Road junction to just north of the Tioga Lodge. The guardrail will be placed closer to the road since the existing ground surface is failing. A 300 foot section will also need a guardrail retaining wall. The guardrail height needs to be adjusted to the current standards. The retaining wall will be built from the road side and Caltrans is proposing using metal posts because the area is in a fire zone. Examples of the acid wash look were shown, giving the guardrail a weathered finish and not shiny. Construction is estimated to start in late November taking approximately two months. Mr. Johnston commented that since a large amount of money has been spent on the environmental, the project is in the most scenic area of Mono County, a project that is going to last 20 to 30 years and cost upwards of

\$ 600,000, then why isn't a more aesthetic look like self weathering steel being considered? We are looking for a more context sensitive solution. Because this area has a wet and dry cycle, Caltrans is testing self weathering steel guardrails, but at this time they are not approved. The other treatments that are available to Caltrans are prohibitively expensive. Caltrans is looking for something that is both context sensitive and maintainable. Mr. Lizza commented he felt that the guardrail project was more of an industrial project when they were hoping to get a more aesthetic look. Ms. Garcia asked about using powder coat and the relative costs for that treatment. There could possibly be a combination of acid wash steel and powder coat. Commissioner Hazard felt the priority should be the safety of the guardrail and the project needs to move forward and have a serviceable guardrail installed.

**8. COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

a. Discuss Resolution from Mono Basin RPAC regarding specific list of transportation projects in the Lee Vining area

Mr. Lizza stated the resolution should read "recreational projects" not transportation. He continued to explain to the Commission the items listed on the resolution which the RPAC felt were important to develop.

b. Discuss Resolution from Mono Basin RPAC regarding plans to reduce need for road closures on Hwy 395 north of Lee Vining.

Mr. Lizza also addressed the Commission concerning road closures on Hwy 395 north of Lee Vining. The RPAC is requesting the involved agencies to develop a plan to reduce the need for road closures. Gas X is currently being studied and is used with great results in June Lake on Hwy 158.

Ms. Garcia then added to the discussion regarding the closure status of Black Point for road cinders for winter roads. She questioned Mr. Mettam as to what available sources we might have. Mr. Le Francois mentioned the USFS was looking into Tinnemaha as a resource. His information from the USFS is that the Black Point claims are invalid and that there will be no cinder resources in Mono County for the winter.

**9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- a. Letter from Department of Transportation regarding Public Information Meeting for proposed widening of Highway US 395 in Kern County near Ridgecrest.
- b. US 395 Safety Task Force Collision Data- Gerry Le Francois

**10. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – August 14, 2206**

**11. ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.





